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SUBJECT: BAHRAINI STREET VIOLENCE: SHI'A POLITICAL
LEADERSHIP ACTS TO CALM TENSIONS; CALLS ON GOB TO ADDRESS SHI'A CONCERNS

REF: A. MANAMA 1105 1B. MANAMA 1109 1C. MANAMA 1110 1D. MANAMA 1112 1E. MANAMA 1113

Classified By: Ambassador Adam Ereli for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1.(C) Summary: Violent street protests in several Shi'a neighborhoods have subsided, thanks in large part to close coordination between the Mir 2.(C) DCM and RSO met with Ministry of Interior's Chief of Public Security Major General Abdul Latif Al-Zayani December 24 to discuss the previ 3.(C) Al-Zayani praised Al-Wifaq for acting "responsibly" during the clashes. The party's leadership intervened with the family of the man kill 4.(C) Referring to the December 20 clash in Jidd Hafs (ref E), Al-Zayani said that police had managed to round up "90 percent" of the trouble m 5.(C) Meanwhile, members of parliament roundly condemned the riots. Sunni and Shi'a members in the lower house displayed an uncharacteristic sc 6.(C) Saeed Al-Majed, advisor to Al-Wifaq leader Ali Salman, told Pol/Econ Chief on December 27 that Al-Wifaq remained in close contact with th 7.(C) The unrest in several Shi'a neighborhoods that marked the national and Eid holidays appears to have subsided in large part due to the eff 8.(C) While the Ministry of Interior and Al-Wifaq seem to agree that criminal acts which occurred during the clashes must be prosecuted, we bel